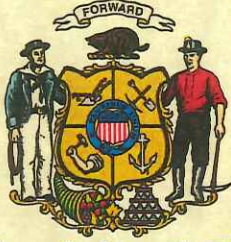


# STATE of WISCONSIN



## OFFICE of the GOVERNOR

# Proclamation

*WHEREAS*; Wisconsin was one of the first states to enact a law authorizing cooperatives in 1887; and

*WHEREAS*; cooperatives meet a wide range of essential needs including marketing and purchasing farm products, providing financial services, delivering electric, telephone and cable services, and providing health care, housing, insurance, and many other products and services; and

*WHEREAS*; today, more than three million cooperative members in the Badger State depend on approximately 700 co-ops to market and supply many products and services; and

*WHEREAS*; cooperatives play a major role in Wisconsin's economy, annually recording about \$17.2 billion in revenue, and cooperatives give their members a real stake in their economic destiny; and

*WHEREAS*; cooperatives are on the cutting edge, helping to meet today's economic challenges, keeping badly needed jobs and financial resources in local communities, teaching students financial skills, and delivering health care options; and

*WHEREAS*; cooperatives are voluntary, member-owned businesses, operating on a not-for-profit basis for the benefit of their membership and the communities they serve;

*NOW, THEREFORE*, I, Scott Walker, Governor of the State of Wisconsin,  
do hereby proclaim October 2015, as

## COOPERATIVE MONTH

throughout the State of Wisconsin and I commend this observance to all of our citizens.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Wisconsin to be affixed. Done at the Capitol in the City of Madison this 11<sup>th</sup> day of September 2015.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Walker".  
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SCOTT WALKER  
GOVERNOR

By the Governor:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Douglas La Follette".  
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DOUGLAS LA FOLLETTE  
Secretary of State